THIS WAY UP
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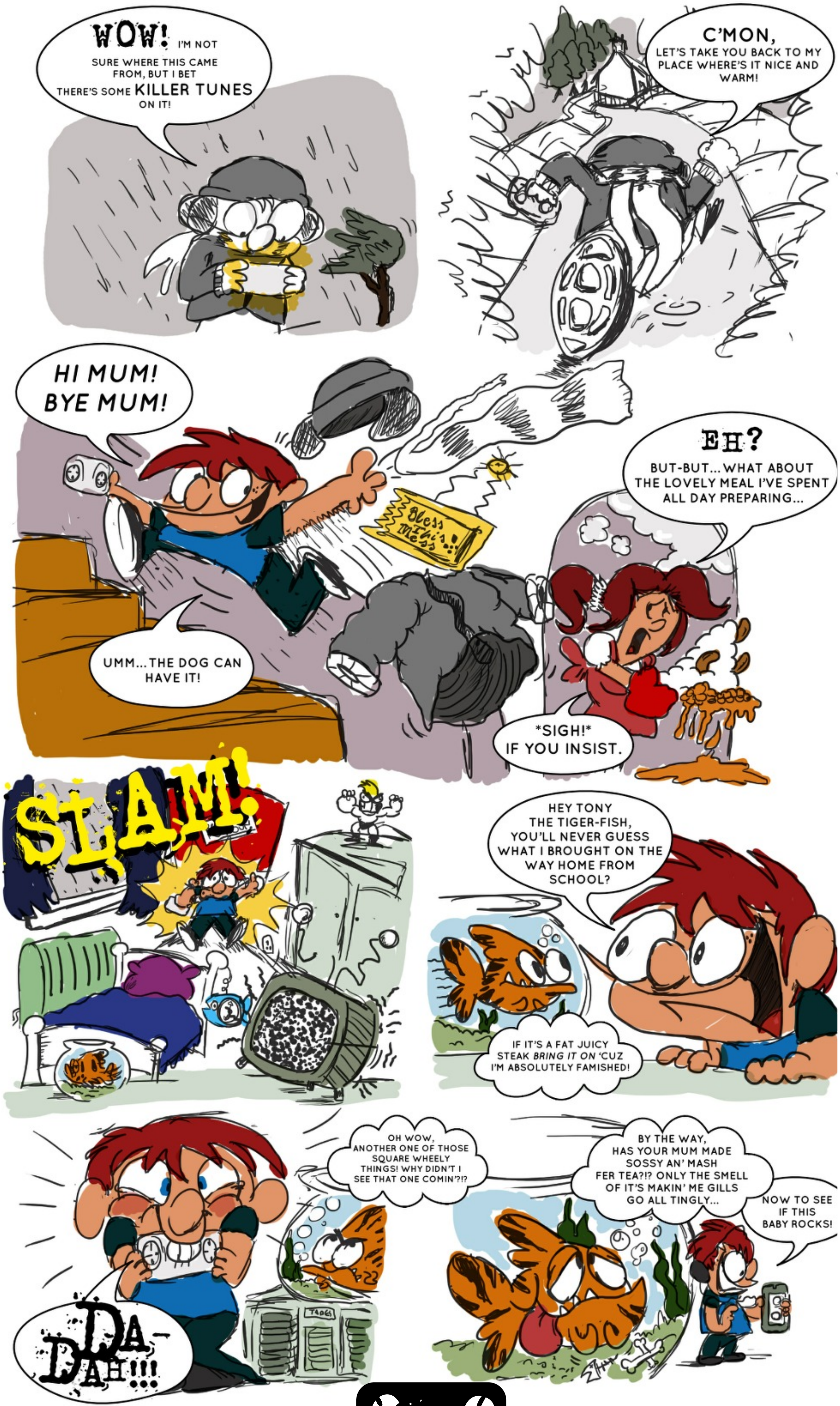
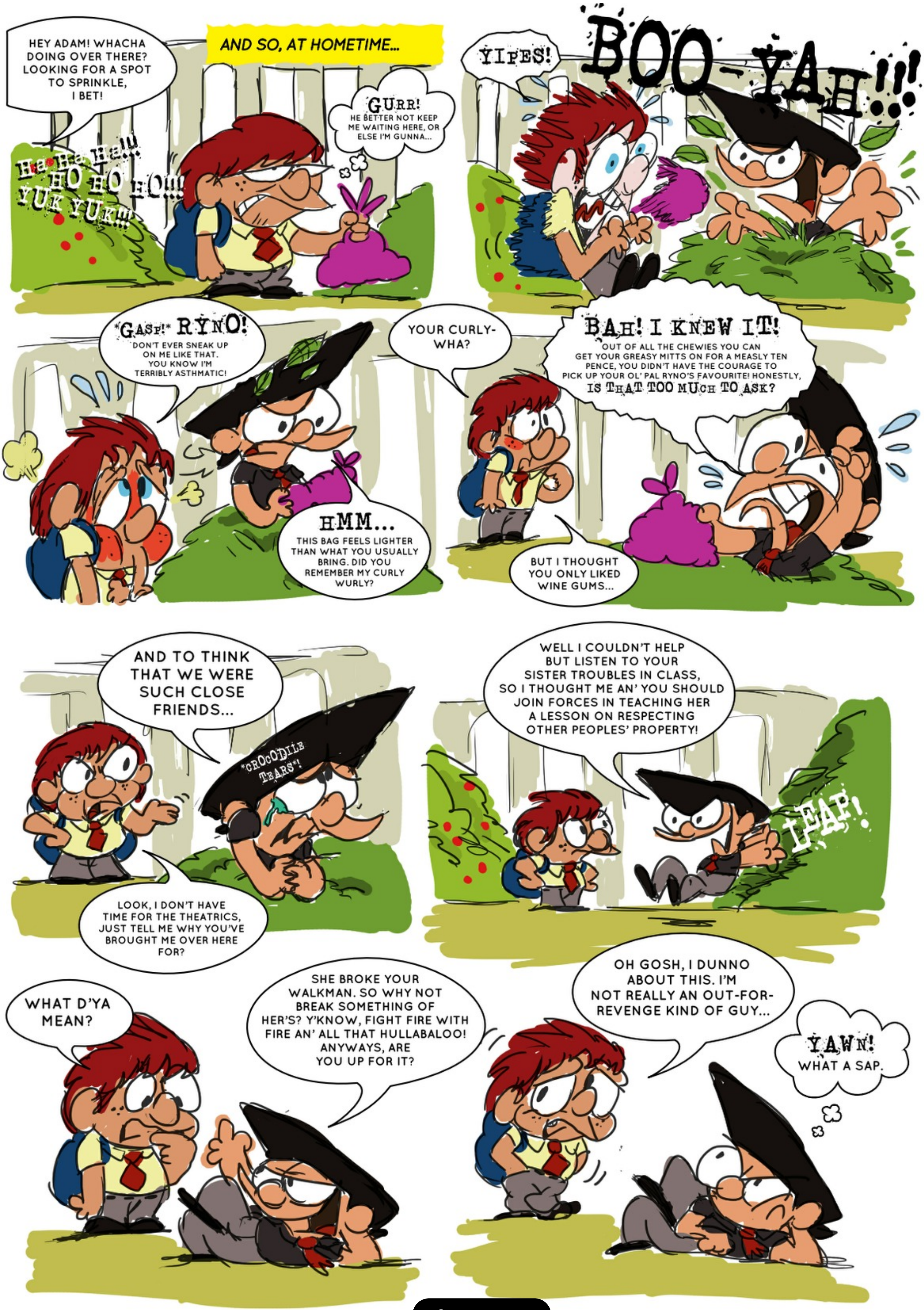
CASSETTE TAPE COMICS INC.

TINK!
BAH! THE WEATHER'S SO HORRID, IT'S ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU A HEADACHE!
HANG ABOUT, WHAT'S THIS?
GASP!
PLAY ME!


WOW! I'M NOT SURE WHERE THIS CAME FROM, BUT I BET THERE'S SOME KILLER TUNES ON IT!
C'MON, LET'S TAKE YOU BACK TO MY PLACE WHERE'S IT NICE AND WARM!
HI MUM! BYE MUM!
EH? BUT-BUT... WHAT ABOUT THE LOVELY MEAL I'VE SPENT ALL DAY PREPARING...
UMM... THE DOG CAN HAVE IT!
SIGH! IF YOU INSIST.
SLAM!
HEY TONY THE TIGER-FISH, YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT I BROUGHT ON THE WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL?
IF IT'S A FAT JUICY STEAK BRING IT ON 'CUZ I'M ABSOLUTELY FAMISHED!
DA-DAH!!!
OH WOW, ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE SQUARE WHEELY THINGS! WHY DIDN'T I SEE THAT ONE COMIN'?!?
BY THE WAY, HAS YOUR MUM MADE SOSSY AN' MASH FER TEA?!? ONLY THE SMELL OF IT'S MAKIN' ME GILLS GO ALL TINGLY...
NOW TO SEE IF THIS BABY ROCKS!

CLIK!
KO!
TO EALTH WITH LOVE
YO DOOFUS, COULD YOU PIPE DOWN, I'M ON THE PHONE TO- JEEZ! WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON HERE?
SISTERLY SLAM!
THUNKA THUNK!
GASP!
IN A DAZE
DUDE... I THINK I'VE FOUND RELIGION!

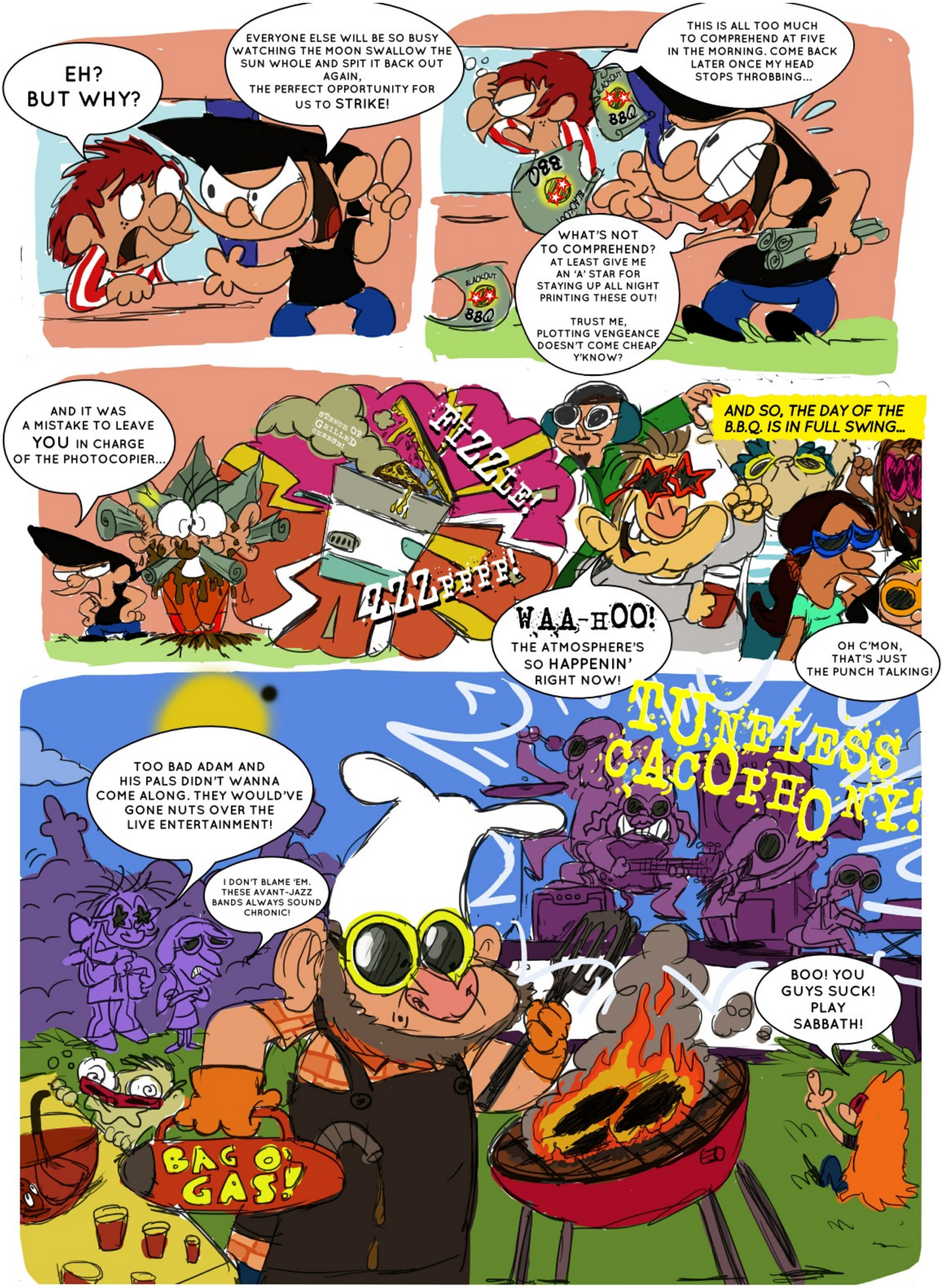
NEXT MORNING...
Wompford Primary
WHEN IT COMES TO TEACHING KIDS, WE'RE ELEMENTARY!
DRRRING!!!
..AND THEN SHE SNATCHED THE TAPE PLAYER AND SMASHED IT TO BITS!
LOUSY SIS, SHE'S ALWAYS OUT TO SPOIL MY FUN!
YOU DO REALISE YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TO A GIRL THE WHOLE TIME?
SWOOP!
LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY'S GOT AIR MAIL!
PASS IT OVER!
UN-CREASE!
PSST!
Meet me outside the gates of school 4 a privit talk!
(p.s. Bring some pic'n'mix!)
R.
ADAM BEANS!
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE REST OF THE CLASS?
GAAHH! I CONFESS!!
IT WAS ME WHO WIZZED ALL OVER THE PLAYGROUND!
EHH-HEH!
I MEAN, NO MISS BELLOWES, NOT AT ALL!
GOOD! THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO HEAR!
GROAN! WHY DID I HAVE TO BRING THAT UP?!?
SNORT!
MISS BELLOWES, CAN I SWITCH SEATS? I HAVE A SEVERE BOY ALLERGY!


HEY ADAM! WHACHA DOING OVER THERE? LOOKING FOR A SPOT TO SPRINKLE, I BET!
AND SO, AT HOMETIME...
Ha Ha Ha!!! HO HO HO!!! YUK YUK!!!
GURR! HE BETTER NOT KEEP ME WAITING HERE, OR ELSE I'M GUNNA...
YIPES!
BOO-YAH!!!
GASP! RYNO! DON'T EVER SNEAK UP ON ME LIKE THAT. YOU KNOW I'M TERRIBLY ASTHMATIC!
HMM... THIS BAG FEELS LIGHTER THAN WHAT YOU USUALLY BRING. DID YOU REMEMBER MY CURLY WURLY?
YOUR CURLY-WHA?
BAH! I KNEW IT! OUT OF ALL THE CHEWIES YOU CAN GET YOUR GREASY MITTS ON FOR A MEASLY TEN PENCE, YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO PICK UP YOUR OL' PAL RYNO'S FAVOURITE! HONESTLY, IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK?
BUT I THOUGHT YOU ONLY LIKED WINE GUMS...
AND TO THINK THAT WE WERE SUCH CLOSE FRIENDS...
CROCODILE TEARS!
LOOK, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THE THEATRICS, JUST TELL ME WHY YOU'VE BROUGHT ME OVER HERE FOR?
WELL I COULDN'T HELP BUT LISTEN TO YOUR SISTER TROUBLES IN CLASS, SO I THOUGHT ME AN' YOU SHOULD JOIN FORCES IN TEACHING HER A LESSON ON RESPECTING OTHER PEOPLES' PROPERTY!
LEAP!
WHAT D'YA MEAN?
SHE BROKE YOUR WALKMAN. SO WHY NOT BREAK SOMETHING OF HER'S? Y'KNOW, FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE AN' ALL THAT HULLABALOO! ANYWAYS, ARE YOU UP FOR IT?
OH GOSH, I DUNNO ABOUT THIS. I'M NOT REALLY AN OUT-FOR-REVENGE KIND OF GUY...
YAWN! WHAT A SAP.

..BUT WHEN IT COMES TO ANNOYING RELATIVES, AN NOT-REALLY-OUT-FOR-REVENGE KIND O' GUY HAS HIS LIMITS!
FEELINGS OF WRATH EMERGING!
NOW YOU'RE SPEAKING MY NATIVE TONGUE!
HHHNNNGG!!!
YOU WAIT HERE WHILE I ROUND UP THE TROOPS.
OH, AND TRY NOT TO STRAIN LIKE THAT. PEOPLE WILL GET THE WRONG IDEA!
I'LL BE NEEDING THESE!
GOING... GOING... GONNNNGGGGG!!!!!
TACKLE!
ROUND 2 ALREADY?
BUZZ *CRACKLE* *ZIP*
SLOIP!!!
RIGHT YOU 'ORRIBLE LOT, LISTEN UP! I HAVE A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU ALL...
CROSS SAFELY
HEY! ...AND ARE YOU CHEWING GUM WHILST I'M TALKING?
YEAH! SO WHAT? YOU'RE NOT THE TEACHER ROUND HERE!

MAYBE NOT, BUT I JUST SO HAPPEN TO THE WAVER OF THE STICK, SO UNLESS YOU'RE GAME FOR THE CATTLE PRODDING OF A LIFETIME, I SUGGEST YOU KEEP THOSE FILTHY COW-LIPS SHUT, KAPEESH?
YEESH! FIZZLE OUT BRUV!
THEY DON'T CALL ME RYNO MITE FOR NUTHIN'. WHEN SOMETHING SPARKS ME OFF, I CAN'T HELP BUT CHARGE IN AND ERUPT!
ADMIT IT, NO-ONE HAS EVER CALLED YOU THAT.
P-TOOEY!
ANYWAYS, I NEED YOU LOT TO HELP YOUNG BEANSY HERE GET EVEN WITH HIS RECKLESS *GRANDE SOUER* (BIG SIS IN FRENCH IF YOU MUST KNOW!)
COG ROX
THE NEW ALBUM!
UM... 'SUP FELLAS!
HOO-WEE, THE KID'S GONE DOOLALLY!
YUZ GUYS HAVE JELLY BEANS?!?
I HAVE TO AGREE. ISN'T CONFRONTING JENNY BEANS LIKE TAKING ON THE FINAL BOSS, CUZ I HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO REACH THAT LEVEL...
NOW LOOKY HERE. NONE OF US HERE LIKE HAVING OUR STUFF WRECKED BY THE THE OLDER KIDS, BUT THIS COULD BE THE ONE CHANCE TO SHOW 'EM WE MEAN BUSINESS, TO MAKE 'EM WEAK AT THE KNEES BEGGIN' FOR SWEET SWEET MERCY...
ARE THOSE FLAMES FOR REAL?
HMMPH, WELL SINCE YOU MENTIONED IT, MY BIG BROTHER GAV DID SNAP THE HEADS OFF MY WORLD CUP FIGURINES. I WAS AS SOBBIN' LIKE GAZZA FOR WEEKS...
AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, THERE'S ALWAYS NUCLEAR FALLOUT. HEH, HEH...
OH YEAH, AND I GOT PRETTY MAD WHEN MY COUSIN MAXINE RUBBED OUT MY HIGH SCORE AND BLAMED IT ON THE Y2K BUG!
UKKY BUGS!
SEE, WE ALL HAVE MOTIVES FOR REVENGE! WE JUST NEED TO FEED THE FIRE DEEP WITHIN OUR BELLIES!
APE-LIKE GRIP!
AND I KNOW EXACTLY HOW TO FEED IT...

THE NEXT MORNING...
TROUBLING RUMBLE!
FROGGY SPROING!
SLOOSH!!!!
BLACKOUT BBQ
BLACKOUT BBQ AT MY PLACE! COME MARVEL AT A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME SOLAR EXPERIENCE! TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY TO COME ALONG! WE GOT LIVE MUSIC & A PUNCHBOWL! BRING A PAIR OF SOLARVISION SHADES SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT!
AND THEY TOLD ME THIS WOULD BE A PEACEFUL JOB!
GROAN! HARDLY. HOW COME YOU'RE UP SO EARLY?
CHECK OUT THESE FLYERS I'VE MADE!
BLACKOUT BBQ
YO BEANS! ARE YOU HOME?
SKREEECH!!!
SQUALCH!
OH, JUST EARNING A FEW EXTRA BOB WITH MY SATURDAY PAPER JOB!
A SOLAR ECLIPSE BARBECUE? IN YOUR BACK GARDEN? BUT PEOPLE WILL CATCH ON TO WHAT WE'RE UP TO!
THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF IT - WE'RE NOT ATTENDING!


EH? BUT WHY?
EVERYONE ELSE WILL BE SO BUSY WATCHING THE MOON SWALLOW THE SUN WHOLE AND SPIT IT BACK OUT AGAIN, THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO STRIKE!
THIS IS ALL TOO MUCH TO COMPREHEND AT FIVE IN THE MORNING. COME BACK LATER ONCE MY HEAD STOPS THROBBING...
BLACKOUT BBQ
WHAT'S NOT TO COMPREHEND? AT LEAST GIVE ME AN 'A' STAR FOR STAYING UP ALL NIGHT PRINTING THESE OUT!
TRUST ME, PLOTTING VENGEANCE DOESN'T COME CHEAP Y'KNOW?
AND IT WAS A MISTAKE TO LEAVE YOU IN CHARGE OF THE PHOTOCOPIER...
STENCH OF GRILLED CHEESE!
FIZZLE!
ZZZPPPP!
AND SO, THE DAY OF THE B.B.Q. IS IN FULL SWING...
WAA-HOO! THE ATMOSPHERE'S SO HAPPENIN' RIGHT NOW!
OH C'MON, THAT'S JUST THE PUNCH TALKING!
TUNELESS CACOPHONY!
TOO BAD ADAM AND HIS PALS DIDN'T WANNA COME ALONG. THEY WOULD'VE GONE NUTS OVER THE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!
I DON'T BLAME 'EM. THESE AVANT-JAZZ BANDS ALWAYS SOUND CHRONIC!
BOO! YOU GUYS SUCK! PLAY SABBATH!
BAG O' GAS!

WHAT'S UP JEN? YOU'RE LOOKING A BIT DOWN IN THE DUMPS.
OH I DUNNO GAV, BUT EVER SINCE THAT FIASCO WITH THE WALKMAN, ADAM'S BEEN GIVING ME THE COLD SHOULDER FOR WEEKS.
I MEAN, HE DID HAVE HIS HEADPHONES ON TOO LOUD, AND HE CAN BE A REAL BRAT WHEN HE DOESN'T GET HIS WAY...
ICKY BOY THINGS THAT MAKE LITTLE GIRLS CRY!
..BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY HE'S STILL MY BABY BROTHER, AND THERE WAS NO EXCUSE TO HURT HIS FEELINGS!
I SHOULD'VE ACTED MORE RESPONSIBLY, NOT SCREAM AT HIM AND BREAK HIS TOYS!
AHH LIGHTEN UP SUNSHINE, HE'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT IT EVENTUALLY. JUST BE THANKFUL HE ISN'T PLOTTING REVENGE BEHIND YOUR BACK!
SPEAKING OF GETTING THE COLD SHOULDER, IT'S GOTTEN CHILLY ALL OF A SUDDEN!
HERE! MAYBE THIS CHARRED HOTDOG WILL WARM YOU UP!
MEANWHILE, AT THE BEANS' RESIDENCE...
WHAT IN THE NAME OF GOGOS CRAZY BONES (REGISTERED TRADEMARK) ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE? WE'RE GUNNA BOOM-BLAST THE ROOF OFF THE ENEMY'S QUARTERS WITH THIS BAD BOY!
Jen's Room
IT FEELS VELVETY ON MY FACEFLESH!
C'MON MIDGE, PUT A BIT MORE HEAVE-HO INTO IT!
2001: A BASS ODYSSEY
UHHH!!!! I'M THINK I'M GONNA HEAVE IN A SEC...
ARE YOU LOT MAD? JEN'LL GO BAH-ZERK ONCE SHE SEES THERE'S A 50 FOOT TALL SPEAKER IN HER ROOM!!!
WELL ACTUALLY IF MY MEASUREMENTS ARE CORRECT, THE TOWER IS ONLY NINE AND A HALF FOOT TALL IN HEIGHT...
DON'T RUB IT IN, AL!
RYNO, YOU'VE TOTALLY LOST THE PLOT THIS TIME. I ORDER YOU AND YOUR MEN TO TAKE THAT THING AWAY WITH YOU AND LEAVE!
WHAT? AND LET JUSTICE GO UNSERVED? FAT CHANCE BUCKO!

I DON'T CARE ABOUT EXACTING JUSTICE. IN FACT I DON'T EVEN CARE ABOUT THE WHOLE WALKMEN INCIDENT ANYMORE! ALL I WANT IS FOR THINGS TO GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE, AND TO MAKE AMENDS WITH MY SISTER!
AND AS FOR YOU THREE, YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED FOR NOT SPEAKING OUT MUCH SOONER, OTHERWISE NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE EVER HAPPENED!
HE'S RIGHT! WE'VE ALL GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN TO TAKE ORDERS FROM A TOTAL NUTJOB!
HEY LOOK GUYS, WE'VE GOT JUST ENOUGH TIME TO CATCH THE REST OF THE ECLIPSE!
NOW HOLD IT YOU TRAITORS! NO-ONE'S GOING ANYWHERE UNTIL WE DO EXACTLY AS I SAY, AND I SAY...
GIVE IT UP, RYNO! WE'RE NOT LISTENING TO YOU ANYMORE! THIS FEUD ENDS NOW! WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE LIKE. WE'RE GOING OUTSIDE TO WATCH THE ECLIPSE WITH OUR FAMILIES...
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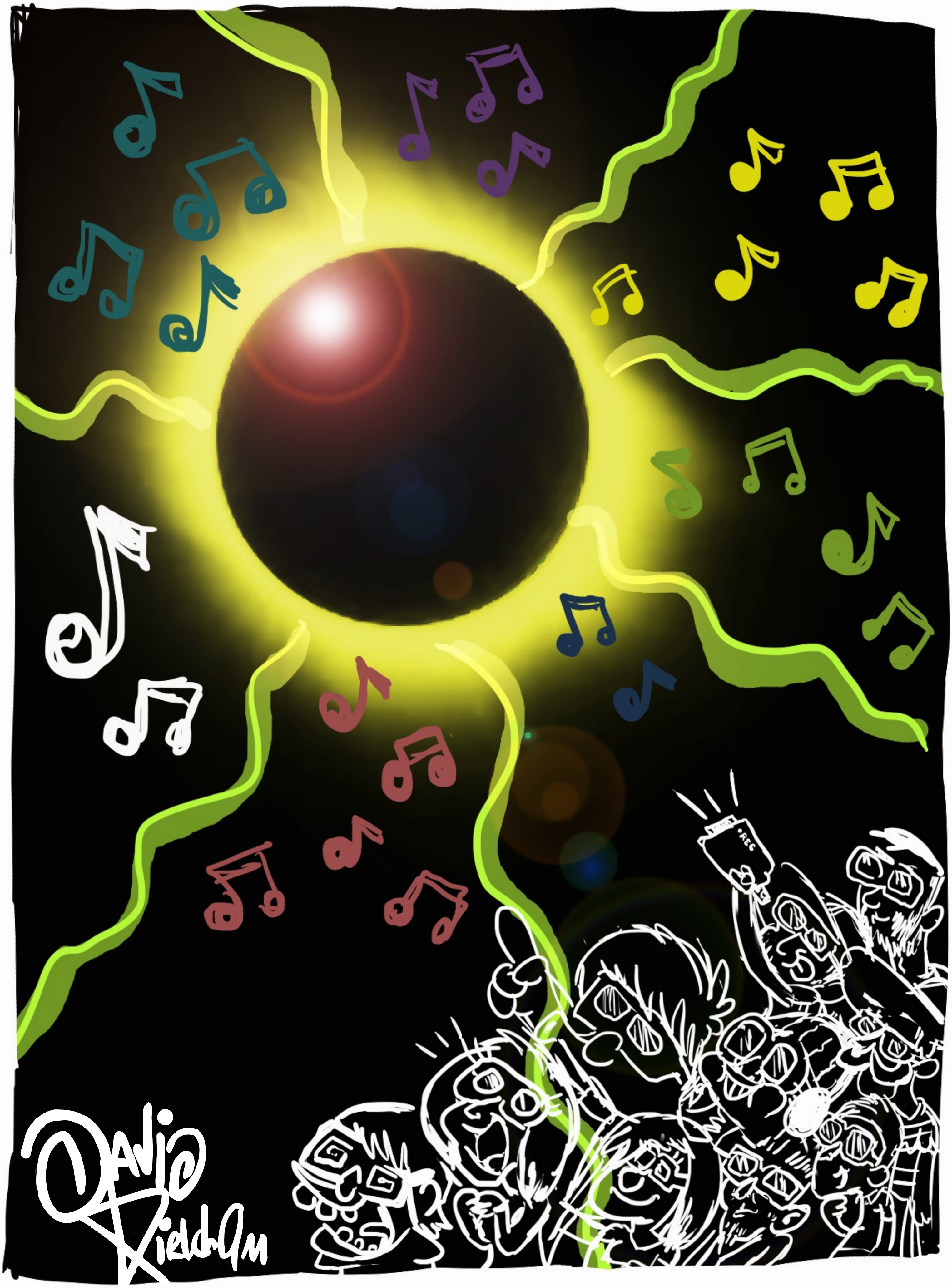
PLAY ME!
AND FURTHERMORE, WAIT! WHAT'S SPINBOY DOING?
INSERT TAPE TO ACTIVATE
OOPS, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THAT!
LET'S PUMP OUR JAMMIES UP!
MEGA-BLASTA!!!!



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